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LIBERAL-LEFT AND LARGEST STOCKHOLM MORNING DAILY DAGENS NYHETER
NOV. 16: "A SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN POLITICAN AND A SYMBOLIC FIGURE
VISITS SWEDEN THIS WEEK.... NO OTHER BLACK AMERICAN HAS FILLED THE
FOREIGN POLICY SCENE WITH HIS PERSONALITY LIKE ANDREW YOUNG....
IT IS NOT SO STRANGE THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE SEEN ANDREW YOUNG AS
A RADICAL WORLD REFORMER WHO FOR THE PRESENT MAY GET HIS WAY.
SOME SEE HIM AS A DANGEROUS FOOL NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE 'POLITICS
OF THE OPEN MOUTH' HE (LIKE CARTER) IS ACCUSED OF. IT IS THEREFORE
IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE THEORY BEHIND YOUNG'S POLICY IN A PART
OF THE WORLD WHERE SWEDEN AMONG OTHERS CONSIDERS ITSELF TO HAVE
A MORAL COMMITMENT.... (YOUNG IS QUOTED AS SAYING:) 'I BELIEVE
IN NEOCOLONIALISM WHEN IT GOES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.'
HE MEANS THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN
MARXISM IN PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH FOOD, CLOTHES AND HOUSING.
HE DOES NOT WANT TO DESTROY SOUTH AFRICA'S SYSTEM -- BUT THAT
IT SHOULD SERVE EVERYONE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAS LEARNED
THAT FROM THE AMERICAN SYSTEM WHICH NOWADAYS SERVES BOTH BLACK
AND WHITE IN HIS OWN GEORGIA. FOR PEOPLE WHO EXPECT RADICAL
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SOLUTIONS THAT MUST SEEM TO BE THE PROTOTYPE FOR TRADITIONAL
AMERICAN CAPITALISM EVEN THOUGH YOUNG AT THE SAME TIME TRIES
HARD TO ELIMINATE THE OLD AMERICAN FIXATION ON AND FEAR FOR
COMMUNISM AS A DANGEROUS ENEMY. THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TALK
WITH INCREASING IMPATIENCE ABOUT ENDING THE WHITES' ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL SUPERIORITY. BUT IT CAN IN NO WAY BE EXCLUDED
THAT MOST BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA STILL ARE SATISFIED WITH

EFFORTS WHICH MORE RESEMBLE YOUNG'S. 'MY BELIEF MAKES ME VERY
SENSITIVE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD,' HE SAYS. AND HE MAKES IT
SOUND ALMOST SELF EVIDENT -- NOT ONLY SELF CONFIDENT."
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